

**THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Original) An image extracting apparatus comprising:  
  
an acquiring portion which acquires a plurality of signals each representative of an image of one or more subjects;  
  
a determining portion which determines orientations the subjects based on each of the signals; and  
  
an extracting portion which extracts a predetermined signal from among the signals based on the determination.
2. (Original) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the signals are acquired from a storage region in which the signals are stored.
3. (Withdrawn) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the signals are acquired by a digital camera photoelectrically converting the image of the subjects with a picturizing device.
4. (Withdrawn) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the acquiring portion successively acquires the signals at predetermined time intervals, and successively determines the orientation of the subjects.

5. (Withdrawn) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the signals to be acquired are generated by photoelectrically converting an optical image of the subjects, and the extracted signal is recorded onto a recording medium.

6. (Original) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the subjects is person's heads.

7. (Withdrawn) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a first accepting portion which accepts a specification about the orientation of the subject, wherein when the orientation of the subject is a orientation specified at the first accepting portion, the signal is extracted.

8. (Withdrawn) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a second accepting portion which accepts a specification of a number, wherein the determining portion further determines whether a specified number of subjects in the specified orientation are present in the image or not, and when it is determined that the predetermined number of subjects are present, the signal representative of the image is extracted.

9. (Original) An image extracting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the extracted signal is recorded onto a recording medium.

10. (Withdrawn) An image extracting apparatus comprising:

an acquiring portion which acquires a plurality of image signals generated by continuously shooting a subject for which a predetermined orientation is defined;

a determining portion which determines an orientation of the subject in each of the images; and

an extracting portion which extracts an image signal in which the subject is in a specified orientation, from among the acquired image signals based on the determination.

11. (Withdrawn) An image extracting method comprising the steps of:

accepting a specification about an orientation;

successively generating a signal by photoelectrically converting at predetermined time intervals an optical image of a subject for which a predetermined orientation is defined;

successively determining whether the orientation of the subject represented by the generated signal is a specified orientation or not in response to the successive signal generation;

and recording a signal determined to be representative of the specified orientation onto a recording medium, wherein by this recording, a subject in the specified orientation is pasteurized.

12. (Original) An image extracting method comprising the steps of:

accepting a specification about an orientation;

successively acquiring a plurality of image signals representative of an object of a predetermined orientation from a database in which the image signals are stored;

successively determining whether the orientation of the object represented by the acquired signal is a specified orientation or not in response to the successive signal acquisition; and

displaying, by use of a signal determined to be representative of the specified orientation, an image represented by the signal.

13. (Withdrawn) An image extracting method comprising the steps of:

accepting a specification about an orientation and a specification about a number;

successively generating a signal by photoelectrically converting at predetermined time intervals an optical image including a plurality of subjects of the specified orientation;

successively determining whether the orientation of each of the subjects represented by the generated signal is the specified orientation or not in response to the successive signal generation;

determining whether at least a specified number of subjects determined to be in the specified orientation are included or not; and

recording the signal determined to include at least the specified number of subjects onto a recording medium, wherein by this recording, at least the specified number of subjects in the specified orientation are shot.